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LUBBOCK -- Couples involved in abusive relationships can get free group, couple and individual counseling through the Abusive Families Project, a research program of the Texas Tech University Psychology Department.

In its third year, the research focuses on understanding abusive relationships and identifying successful treatment programs, said psychology Professor Kim Faulkner, project director. The program is funded by a grant from the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health.

"We're assessing the efficacy of treatment based on the level of disturbance in the relationship," Faulkner said. "We want to know whether group, individual or marital treatment is best and what combination of treatments is best."

He said the program begins with 16 sessions of group counseling. Men's and women's groups meet separately twice a week for eight weeks. Following the group experience, couples receive 16 sessions of marital counseling. The final phase of treatment is 16 sessions of individual counseling.

Counselors are doctoral psychology students, under the supervision of Faulkner who is a licensed psychologist.

Participants are required to complete intake inventories which provide researchers with basic information about subjects' personality, emotional state, attitudes and behaviors. Faulkner said the intake requires about two hours.

After each phase of the program, participants are tested so researchers can determine the affects of that particular treatment. Emotional and behavioral changes for each individual are measured, as well as how those changes relate to alterations in the frequency, severity and nature of abusive patterns.

The project also includes a group for six- to 10-year-old children who are suffering as a result of their parents' abusive relationships. The group meets for 16 sessions.

Faulkner said participants can continue to receive counseling after the formal treatment program.

For more information, contact Faulkner at 742-3014.

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LUBBOCK -- Thomas A. Musiak has been appointed chairperson of the Department of Park Administration and Landscape Architecture at Texas Tech University.

Prior to the Texas Tech appointment, Musiak was head of the department of landscape architecture at Kansas State University for nine years. During his administration, students won 14 American Society of Landscape Architects Distinguished Student Awards -- more than twice the number of the next highest school. The program's graduates passed the national licensure exam by 15 to 35 percentage points per category above the national average.

Musiak, who has previous teaching experience at Texas Tech, received bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Massachusetts.

He has considerable practical experience in landscape architecture and in accreditation of professional education programs.

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LUBBOCK -- Marvin J. Cepica, associate dean for academic and student affairs in the Texas Tech University College of Agricultural Sciences, has been named Teacher Educator of the Year by the vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas.

Cepica was recognized for his work with agricultural science and vocational agriculture teachers and Future Farmers of America members in the state.

Cepica has been involved in training of teachers through teacher education, promotion of the educational benefits of judging and leadership activities and the development of new curricula for high school vocational agriculture students.

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CONTACT: Kippie Hopper

LUBBOCK -- The changing lives of women will be addressed in a series of lectures beginning in October presented by academic and professional experts from Texas Tech University and the West Texas area.

Seven lectures are scheduled and will alternate between evening sessions at the Texas Tech University Center and luncheons at the Paragon Hotel. Participants can register for individual or all of the sessions. The cost is \$64 for the entire series, \$15 for the three luncheons and lectures, and \$8 for the lectures only. Deadline for registration is Sept. 30. Registration can be made by telephoning the Division of Continuing Education at (806) 742-2352.

The first lecture will be presented by attorney Karen Hodges and legal administrator Jane Seaver who will address "Divorce: Changing Consequences for Women" from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, in the University Center.

"Human Services for Women and Children" will be discussed by assistant professor of social work Gloria Lopez-Stafford. The session will be at noon Thursday, Oct. 13, at the Paragon Hotel.

Karol Kelley, assistant professor of history, will lecture on "The Romance Novel: Then and Now" from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, at the University Center.

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"Trends in the Lubbock Economy" will be addressed by College of Business Administration professor Louise Luchsinger at noon Thursday, Oct. 27, at the Paragon Hotel.

The Rev. Vivienne Chapman, minister of the First Unitarian Universalist Church in Lubbock, will discuss "Women and the Spiritual Life" from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, in the University Center.

"Women in Mid-Life" will be addressed by Gwendolyn T. Sorell, assistant professor of human development, at noon Thursday, Nov. 10, at the Paragon Hotel.

In the final session, Fran Scott, lecturer in the department of philosophy, will discuss "Gender as a Limiting Factor" from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, in the University Center.

The lecture series is organized by Marietta Morrissey, associate professor of sociology, and is sponsored by the Texas Tech University Division of Continuing Education and the Women's Studies Program.

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LUBBOCK -- How medical libraries can keep up with changes in information technology in the face of rising costs for library materials will be examined during the annual meeting of the Medical Library Association's South Central Regional Group here Oct. 10-14.

Featured speaker during the meeting will be three-term Congressman Major R. Owens of New York. Owens, who holds a master's degree in library science from Atlanta University, has been a Congressional advocate for the nation's libraries. He is the author of several books on library services as well as expanding economic and political opportunities for the poor and for blacks.

Owens will speak at 10 a.m. Oct. 13 at the Lubbock Plaza where the meeting will be held. Local sponsor for the meeting is the Library of the Health Sciences at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

Workshops on library costs, information technology, innovative approaches to library needs and other topics are scheduled Oct. 10-11. The meeting will officially begin with opening ceremonies at 4:30 p.m. Oct. 11 with a speech by Johnnie Lou Avery, a Big Spring business woman, civic leader and newspaper columnist.

The conference is open to South Central Regional Group Members as well as interested librarians and the public. Registration is \$105 for the entire conference or \$25 for a day. For information, contact the Library of the Health Sciences at (806) 743-2206.

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**NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE TEAM DISCOVERS
LITTLE STRUCTURAL DAMAGE AFTER HURRICANE HITS MEXICAN RESORTS**

Disaster experts discovered that Mexico's coastal hotels and condominiums were designed with building standards superior to U.S. practices that allowed them to withstand over 100 mile-per-hour winds and suffer only minor glass damage.

The scene of dead and destroyed vegetation surrounding almost picture-perfect buildings in two of Mexico's primary resorts, Cozumel and Cancun, was "amazing," according to two Texas Tech University researchers who were among the four-member team. The buildings, contrary to typical stereotypes of Mexican architecture, were constructed like citadels with steel reinforcements and concrete roofs. Built primarily by Mexican architects trained in design to withstand earthquakes, the construction far surpassed American coastal buildings.

The above-standard buildings were ironically coupled with outdated weather instruments to record the actual passing of the strongest hurricane on record. That discovery posed a major problem for researchers because the instrumentation problem would normally be minimized by inspecting building damage reports as an alternative way to calculate wind speed and direction.

Sources:

James McDonald, Ph.D., (806) 742-3479

Professor of Civil Engineering, Director of Institute for Disaster Research at Texas Tech University

McDonald is a lab and field researcher of architectural design and natural disasters. He can comment of firsthand inspection of the Mexican "fortresses" and says similar buildings in the U.S. would be advantageous but might be impossible because of economics of using the labor-intensive construction in America.

Richard E. Peterson, Ph.D., (806) 742-3418

Professor of Atmospheric Science and member of Institute for Disaster Research

Peterson is an expert in the formation and characteristics of hurricane damage. His individual research in Mexico found outdated conditions among weather centers and monitoring centers on ships that studied Hurricane Gilbert.

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CONTACT: Melissa Pringle

LUBBOCK -- Donors and recipients of 1988-89 scholarships in the School of Nursing at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center will be recognized during a reception Monday (Oct. 3).

Twenty scholarship winners will be honored during the reception at 3 p.m. Monday in Room 2B152 of the Health Sciences Center Building. The reception is open to faculty, students and friends of the School of Nursing.

Scholarship recipients, their parents or guardians and their scholarships are listed by hometown:

Anna: Stacy Gardner, freshman, Mrs. Elaine Knoop of Route 1, Larabee Scholarship, \$1,200

Benjamin: Amy Tolson, freshman, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Griffith, Larabee Scholarship, \$1,200

Bethesda, Md: Joan Schwertner, sophomore, Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Wieferich, Presidential Scholarship, \$500

El Paso: Mary Moreno, senior, Mrs. Mary R. Monares, Larabee Scholarship, \$1,200

Hereford: Amy Forrester, a senior, Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Forrester of Route 4, Faye W. Spann Memorial, \$200;

Paula M. Luallen, senior, Mr. and Mrs. Paul G. Mason of 323 Centre, Joan Bailey Merritt Scholarship, \$450

Houston: Bob Gentry, a junior, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gentry of 1445 Lombardy, Ford Bank Group Scholarship, \$1,000

Junction: Patricia Limbaugh, sophomore, Mr. and Mrs. W.P. Riley, General Scholarship, \$450

Lubbock: Gary Dent, sophomore, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Dent of 5423 23rd, Larabee Scholarship, \$1,200;

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Ann Domenico of 3302 27th, senior, Corbett L. and Cecilia T. Roberts Merit Scholarship, \$1,250;

Julie Edmunds, sophomore, Mrs. Ann Edmunds of 3504 46th, Larabee Scholarship, \$1,200;

Leslie Masters, freshman, Mrs. Shirley Neugebauer of 3255 D 62nd, Larabee Scholarship, \$1,200;

Sue Nesbitt of 5301 86th, a senior, Irene Holland Nursing Scholarship, \$250;

Sharon Parrish, junior, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Parrish of 4415 47th, Corbett L. and Cecilia T. Roberts Merit Scholarship, \$1,250;

Melody Staton, freshman, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Staton of 4436 77th, Larabee Scholarship, \$1,200;

Tamara Williams, junior, Mr. and Mrs. George Williams of 6404 38th, Larabee Scholarship, \$1,200.

Meadow: Jana McCallister, a junior, Mr. and Mrs. Dan L. Roberts, Ershal A. Franklin Memorial, \$315

Perryton: Dena DeFries, sophomore, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy DeFries, Larabee Scholarship, \$1,200

Slaton: Gina Heinrich, freshman, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Heinrich of Route 1, Larabee Scholarship, \$1,200

Tallahassee, Fla: Jean Marie Anderson, junior, Mrs. Judy Harper, Corbett L. and Cecilia T. Roberts Merit Scholarship, \$1,250

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LUBBOCK -- J. Wayland Bennett, the Charles C. Thompson Professor of Agricultural Finance at Texas Tech University, has received the 1988 Distinguished Educator Award from the National Association of Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA).

Bennett, who is also associate dean for industry relations in the College of Agricultural Sciences, received the award for outstanding service to agriculture and to the teaching profession. NACTA is a professional organization of agriculture educators.

He has been president and vice president of NACTA and has served on the group's Outstanding Teacher Selection Committee.

Bennett earned a bachelor's degree at Texas Tech in 1948 and was on the agricultural sciences faculty for two years before going to Louisiana State University for advanced degrees.

He rejoined the Texas Tech faculty in 1953 and has served as assistant vice president for academic affairs, chairperson of the Department of Agricultural Economics, acting dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and acting chairperson of the Department of Agricultural Engineering.

In 1977, he was named associate dean for industry relations. He became the first Thompson Professor in 1979.

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Bennett was a member of the statewide Committee on Higher Education in the Agricultural Sciences. He received a Certificate of Recognition from the national Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges in 1975. In 1979, he received the Outstanding Teaching Award from the Texas Tech Student Agricultural Council and in 1984 he was given the Distinguished Service Award by the Texas Tech Ex-Students Association.

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HEALTH TIPSHEET
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SEEING IN THE DARK -- By quantifying the eye's minute electrical impulses, TTUHSC researchers are trying to identify carriers of the recessive gene which leads to night blindness. The rare disease, an X-linked chromosome disorder like color blindness, is carried by females and passed along to their male offspring. The research by Rockefeller S.L. Young, Ph.D., of the TTUHSC ophthalmology faculty is applying signal processing techniques to differentiate the eye's normal electrical impulses from those in carriers of the recessive gene. With that information, researchers can improve the diagnostic tools for night blindness and gain insight into other, more serious X-linked recessive disorders like retinitis pigmentosa, a progressive loss of sight. Basically, your eyes have two vision systems -- one for lighted conditions and one for darkness. In night blindness, your eyes do not adjust properly for the darkness, making it difficult if not impossible to see dimly lit objects. Less than one-tenth of 1 percent of the nation's population is affected by night blindness, though greater percentages are affected by other X-linked chromosome disorders. For more the research and its implications, contact Young at (806) 743-2471.

For assistance in covering this or other stories, contact TTUHSC news manager Preston Lewis at (806) 743-2143. Photographs and video footage can be arranged upon request.

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LUBBOCK -- Daniel R. Kirby, professor of English education at the University of Georgia, will be the keynote speaker at "Write, West Texas!" Oct. 8 at Texas Tech University.

The second annual writing conference will be from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the University Center.

Kirby, co-author of Inside Out, will open the conference at 8:30 a.m. in the Ballroom. His topic will be "Working without a Net: Teaching Writing on a High Wire." Kirby has a doctorate in English education from the University of Colorado.

John R. Erickson, author of the popular series "Hank the Cowdog," will speak in the final session of the day at 3:30 p.m. in the Ballroom. Erickson will present "About Writing: The World of Hank the Cowdog."

The program is sponsored by the Caprock Area Writing Project (CAWP) in the Texas Tech College of Education and the Division of Continuing Education. CAWP is an affiliate of the National Writing Project, designed to improve writing and its instruction.

CAWP consultants, area teachers who have attended CAWP training, will present concurrent sessions throughout the day about unique writing programs in their classrooms.

The seminar is open to teachers, librarians, parents and others interested in writing and teaching of writing.

Another feature of the day will be presentations by Sylvia Rendon, director of English and language arts programs for the Texas Education Agency (TEA). Rendon will discuss the TEA philosophy and proposed changes in state testing.

Registration is \$35 which includes lunch and snacks. For more information or to register, contact Helen Otken, Division of Continuing Education, Texas Tech University, P.O. Box 4110, Lubbock, Texas 79409 or call (806) 742-2352.